

REFERENCE: Questions Relating to Solicitation Number 263-02-P(CW)-0010

Question: Page C 21 of the solicitation addresses the need for the contractor to provide from time to time necessary ancillary labor for electrical and mechanical work associated with the contract. How is it to be determined when or on what projects this scope applies?

Answer: On a case-by-case basis as determined by the Project Officer, based on the magnitude of the mechanical and electrical work required. This contract is not intended to be used as a total renovation contract or supplemental to a renovation contract. Work performed will be on a stand-alone basis with minor electrical and mechanical performance only as ancillary to floors, ceilings and railings.

Question: Also in reference to # 1 above, is a similar requirement anticipated for the flooring and wall portions of the contract for things such as plumbing and wall mounted equipment or electrical outlets?

Answer: These items will be considered ancillary.

Question: For T&M Projects, is travel time to be included within on site job hourly rates or is it to be calculated separately?

Answer: All travel time is to be included in you line item rates.

Question: In looking at all the individual line items on this project, is one to assume that any given line item can be ordered as a stand-alone purchase or will they always be ordered in some grouping?

Answer: We reserve the right to order any or all line items in each individual project.

Question: Page C-2 C.1.1; C Selection of applicable epoxy flooring systems.... Is this a requirement for each separate ROC regardless of size?

Answer: The facility manager, project officer and contractor will best determine the system most applicable. The facility manager will have final say after all options have been discussed.

Question: Do patches require the same detailed project sequence?

Answer: Yes.

Question: Who determines the acceptability of the work?

Answer: The facility manager and Project Officer.

Question: After initial work is accepted, who determines the responsibility of warranty work during the 2 year warranty period?

Answer: Project Officer and facility manager will determine if it is a warranty issue and contact the contractor to assume responsibility to correct the issue.

Question: In the event of a dispute between the Installation Contractor and the manufacturer over liability for failure, who does the Government expect to fix the problem?

Answer: The installation contractor.

Question: In the event that more than one Contractor is selected, how are you going to determine who gets what work? How are you going to make it equitable?

Answer: The only obligation the Government assumes is the issuance of \$100 per contract. If more than one contract is awarded we will most likely rotate projects although the best interests of the Government will be paramount in the distribution of projects.

Question: What wage scale decision will be followed for this project?

Answer: As identified in Section J, Wage Determination WD No. 94-2103, REV 24 dated 5/31/2001 applies.

Question: With respect to PPD Tests, is the test required just for the initial 6 month period or is it required to continue every 6 months for the duration of the contract?

Answer: Every six months for the duration of the contract.

Question: For PPD tests, who is required to have them? Are they required for all contractor personnel who go into buildings?

Answer: Everyone involved in entering the animal facilities must have a PPD test for the protection of the research animals.

Question: Are submittals required for each ROC regardless of size?

Answer: No. Submittals are required upon request from the Project Officer.

Question: Who is responsible for maintaining site conditions during installation?

Answer: The contractor is responsible.

Question: Are equals accepted to the specified manufacturers and what is the procedure for getting approvals?

Answer: Any product offered as an equal must be submitted in the initial proposal to be evaluated for their innate characteristics.

Question: Who is responsible for protection and cleaning of contract work?

Answer: The contractor is responsible.

Question: Page G4, section G.6; does this suggest more than one contractor?

Answer: The Government has reserved the right to award to one or multiple contractors.

Question: Is dust protection to be included in the cost of the work or is it to be an extra job specific cost?

Answer: Dust protection is considered ancillary. The facility manager will decide if it is necessary.

Question: What happens if contractor is delayed by security problems?

Answer: If the Government delays for a security reason, you may bill for the hours delayed.

Question: Do we provide protective clothing or is the contractor responsible?

Answer: In Section C, C.1.3.(b) the government is responsible for providing protective clothing.

Question: Who is the incumbent?

Answer: Life Science Products, Inc.

Question: Why award more than one contract?

Answer: The Government might find there is more than one acceptable proposal and it might be in the best interest of the Government to award more than one.

Question: What were the results of the bid before this one?

Answer: The Government cannot give line item figures. We can give the bottom line figure of money spent on epoxy flooring per fiscal year. We do not have any figures available on railings and ceilings due to the fact that these items have never been centralized and many people have purchased these items. The following is money that has been obligated for epoxy flooring:

FY 1997 - \$257,231.75
FY 1998 - \$441,257.12
FY 1999 - \$336,329.00
FY 2000 - \$584,786.20
FY 2001 - \$1,053,086.36
FY 2002 - \$534,786.00

Question: Can you supply a drawing of the railing and bracket and also the ceiling tile system?

Answer: No. Any drawings that could be supplied would be proprietary and therefore, cannot be distributed or reproduced. The innate characteristics have been defined in the specifications. Any variations from the specifications must be provided with submittal drawings.